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General Comment

I am a 74 year old mother of two who both live within 30 miles of the Pilgrim Nuclear Power Station in Plymouth. My four grandchildren live and attend schools as close as 3 miles from Seabrook, in Boston Perkins School for the blind, and two within 30 miles from PNPS. I have become increasingly concerned about the conditions existing at both reactors but, in particular, the Pilgrim plant which is still listed as one of the lowest of degraded reactors in operation. Though it is slated and ONLY because it is no longer economically viable, to close by 2019, it is no less a risk while operating and more of a risk if it closes with over 3000 spent, but still "hot", fuel rod assemblies.

The thought that NRC regulations have not been revised, even through lessons learned through the catastrophe of Fukushima, is beyond belief. In the years that have passed since regulations were put in place, the world has changed in so many measurable ways. All the plants were sited before the citizens of the U.S. learned that each of the plants would actually be de facto nuclear waste dumps. Living on what could be considered an island because it is connected to the mainland by two bridges that are clogged with traffic that backs for miles on just ordinary summer days when the population of Cape Cod more than doubles that of the year round population of over 200, 000, WE HAVE NO EVACUATION PLAN and are to shelter in place with NO RADIATION SAFE buildings waiting for those closest to the plant to evacuate.

Aside from that, we are subject to devastating hurricanes, northeasters, rising tides because of the changes wrought by nature and rules being changed, bent by an agency that constantly turns a blind eye to the dangers of a plant designed, not for storage of 3200 spent fuel assemblies but for 880.....many years ago before the

changes were even imagined.

The best plan has always (except with relatively recent decisions to benefit the industry) been that the rods be stored in dry cask but, because it is too expensive, the pool on the top of PNPS, vulnerable to any plane (re terrorist) flying into or out of Logan is overloaded and will stay that way unless Entergy decides to replace those rods that have cooled enough to be put in dry cask. But, there again, that takes millions and millions of dollars and will likely not happen in 2017. Regardless, if the NRC allows storage in these pools there is risk of a catastrophe of existential proportions because a pool fire is an increasing possibility. Lying in the path of major air patterns or subject to increasingly dangerous storms or decisions NOT to make the plant safer because of the costs of doing so or lack of judicious oversight by an agency that doesn't seem to be completely aware of site specific situation and willing to allow the corporations to use decommissioning funds to pay state taxes just doesn't seem right.

Hundreds and hundreds of thousands of U.S. citizens have raised their voices, all the towns on the Cape (one of the richest and profitable pieces of land in the u.s.) have voted and have asked their legislators to close the plant. THIS IS THE ONLY VOICE WE HAVE AND IT IS VIRTUALLY WORTHLESS in the face of the money spent to lobby against the safe running of a reactor. It is obvious that this is part of the cry of most of Americans who are tired of being ignored because of the power of the dollar.

We need enforcement, we need emergency monitoring, we need to protect our environment.....Cape Cod Bay is sucked up daily to the tune of over 500,000 gallons a day to cool radioactive fuel rods and goes back, killing millions of larvae and small organisms changing the local economic and environmental picture of a source of income for millions.

Please, consider regulations that will keep the people safe regardless of the cost to the corporations.